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SUBJECT: W/W: AMERICAN CITIZENS EXPULSION FROM USSR

REF: (A) MOSCOW 12686; (B) MOSCOW 12436

1. MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION COUNSELOR N.M.
BULAVIN AND S.V. KRUGLOV (RECENTLY CONSOFF AT SOVEMBASSY
WASHINGTON) REPLIED ORALLY SEPTEMBER 21 TO CONSULAR COUNSELOR
RE EMBASSY PROTESTS IN CASES REPORTED REFTELS.

2. READING FROM TYPED TEXT, BULAVIN PROTESTED FACT THAT
DESPITE NUMEROUS WARNINGS TO EMBASSY, AMERICANS CONTINUE TO
TRY TO IMPORT ANTI-SOVIET MATERIALS INTO COUNTRY. HE STATED
SOVIET SIDE HAD EVERY RIGHT TO ARREST INDIVIDUALS
INVOLVED IN THESE CASES, BUT LIMITED ACTION TO BARRING THEIR
ENTRY INTO USSR AND CONFISCATION OF LITERATURE AND VEHICLES IN
WHICH IT HAD BEEN CONCEALED. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY PROTEST
NOTES, HE STATED THAT SINCE AMERICANS WERE NOT PERMITTED TO
ENTER USSR, THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF DETENTION IN USSR AND
HENCE CONSULAR CONVENTION DID NOT APPLY. HE ADDED THAT
AMERICANS ARE FREE TO MAKE PHONE CALLS IN SUCH SITUATIONS WITHOUT
PERMISSION OF SOVIET OFFICIALS.

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WM CONSOFF RESPONDED THAT SINCE SUBJECTS WERE DETAINED BY
SOVIET CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, CONSULAR CONVENTION DID APPLY. HE
NOTED THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS WHO DETAINED AMERICANS HAD IN
FACT REFUSED TO ALLOW THEM TO MAKE PHONE CALLS AND THIS WAS IN
CLEAR VIOLATION OF CONSULAR CONVENTION WHICH GRANTS AMCITS
FREE ACCESS TO U.S. CONSULAR OFFICER. CONSOFF COMMENTED THAT
CONTINUED SOVIET DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS TO AMERICAN CITIZENS

TEMPORARILY DETAINED WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON AMERICAN
TOURISM TO USSR.

3. COMMENT: FACT THAT SOVIET STATEMENT WAS READ FROM CAREFULLY
PREPARED TEXT INDICATES SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH SOVIET SIDE
REGARDS PROBLEM. AT SAME TIME, MFA DESIRE TO KEEP MATTER LOW
KEY WAS REFLECTED BY HANDLING AT CONSULAR LEVEL AND FACT
THAT NO FORMAL NOTE OR EVEN NON-PAPER WAS DELIVERED ON SUBJECT.

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